

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1669
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023

Funds to Curb Wild Animal Attacks

1669. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of proposals received from the State of Kerala for implementation of projects to curb wild animal attack during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of proposals approved and funds released during the above period;
- (c) the details of pending proposals and the present status, thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has denied to release funds, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government is aware that shortage of funds has disrupted the project activities in the State; and
- (f) whether the Government will take immediate measures for release of funds considering the increasing number of wild animal attack and casualties in the State?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) to (f) The Ministry provides financial assistance to the State Government of Kerala under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Development of Wildlife Habitats for protection of wildlife and improvement of habitat including for activities to deal with human wildlife conflict situations based on the proposals received from the State Government. The details of funds released to the State Government of Kerala under this scheme during last three years is as follows:

| S.No. | Years | Rs in Lakhs |
|-------|---------|-------------|
| 1. | 2020-21 | 731.2845 |
| 2. | 2021-22 | 295.7737 |
| 3. | 2022-23 | 224.4735 |

The Ministry has not received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala requesting for financial assistance under this scheme for activities to deal with human wildlife conflict during 2023-24.
